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A Certain Man Who Fell Among Thieves.

Passing over the interesting problem in Biblical chronology raised by Colonel Roosevelt's establishment of the year 16 as that in which a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, the application of the parable to the conduct of this nation toward Belgium made yesterday, in the Colonel's address before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, compels attention. Colonel Roosevery likens Belgium, violated by Germany, to the victim of the thieves. and asserts that the United States "has played the part of the Levite that passed on the other side without

trying to help the man." It is not recorded, so far as we are aware, that the Samaritan who succored this unfortunate man expended his energy in pursuit of the thieves. or even gave to their conduct subsequent to the assault they had committed serious thought. The Samaritan, instead, "bound up his wounds. pouring in oil and wine, and set him national situation. Could any more on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him." The Samaritan gave to the host of the inn two pence, and said to him:

"Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

Colonel Roosevelt's Biblical excursion seems to have produced a curiously inappropriate illustration for the illumination of his argument The Samaritan practised benevolence, not vengeance; and the United States has been benevolent to Belgium.

The Army Medical Reserve Corps.

Parhane the most always lesson of the present war is the vital importance of a large and capable medical department for the armies. The sanitation of armies, upon which success or failure of modern campaigns always binges, demands an adequate corps of hygienists, bacteriologists, chemists, diagnosticians and practical sanitarlans to provide pure food and water supplies and supervise camp drainage. and hospital surgeous to far more danger than was formerly the case, so the casualties among them are equal to those among other staff officers. These reasons explain the drain of physicians in England, where advanced medical students are now per mitted to leave the army and women are called into civilian hospital ser-

unprepared condition of the United and compel that officer to extract it to ten years to fit him for actual ser- Board of Estimate would soon be divice, this country may regard itself rected against the lawmakers. as fortunate in the possession of a Meanwhile, Mr. Churchill's talk of Medical Reserve Corps provided for "wrecking the schools" and a "strugthe army by an act of Congress in 1908. | gle for the rescue of universal public Among these officers are men like the education" seems unduly heated, to brothers Mayo of Rochester, Minn.; put it mildly. The budget appropria-Drs. Murphy of Chicago, Bloop- tion for the Department of Education GOOD of Washington, GERSTER, COE, last year was \$39.840,000; for this Fox, Wilcox, Hays and Baketel and year it is \$39,865,000. These figures other eminent specialists of New York, do not indicate a serious attempt by That these are no "summer soldiers the Board of Estimate to withhold or sunshine patriots," but earnest men instruction from the citizens. making ready to serve their country at call, was evidenced by their assembling in camps of instruction in dif-

bilization seemed imminent and the wants to see every large town, or at Surgeon-General addressed circulars all events the largest town in each to the Medical Reserve Corps asking State, the possessor of a theatre at if the members were ready for active which plays dealing with the life of duty the answer was "Ready." Al- the community and the State should most unanimously these physicians be presented. It seems to her that in and surgeons, whose time was golden this way a national drama might be tice meant serious financial loss, re- theatre, which should exist in New sponded without hesitation.

the House Committee on Military Af- Thus not only a literary purpose but fairs, with a "Bill to Increase the Effi- a patriotic end would be served. General about the scheme, but like the to make such a scheme possible.

vice of the army by removing the setting of ideals for the stage. Medical Reserve Corps entirely.

The bill shows evidences of hasty artistic institutions have followed out and unskilful construction in that the idea of Lady GREGORY by presentsection 12 forbids removal of officers ing plays native to Indiana and Wisholding commissions in the army, consin. Both were studies dealing This clause may counteract the aboli- with the life of the small towns of tion of the Medical Reserve Corps. If these States, and they were received that result would really be achieved with cordiality. by this clumsy measure the loss of these most efficient and trained officers The Continental Army and the would be a calamity. Mr. Hay would do well before he presses the bill to confer with members of the Medical Reserve Corps among his own con- General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of THE EVENING SUN, Per Month.... 25
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Surgeon-General of the army. In the present frame of the Prest would be buried by a veto if political reasons should cause its enactment.

One Question for Every American to

In the subjoined sentences from President Wilson's latest addresses in support of his military policy we forth and the question every man must seriously ask himself is clearly propounded :

"There are two things which practically everybody who comes to the executive office in Washington tells me. They tell me that the people are counting upon me to keep us out of this war.

"And in the next breath they tell me : The people are equally counting upon you to maintain the honor of the United States.

come when I could not do both, and have you made yourselves ready to stand behind your Government for the maintenance of the honor of your country as well as for the maintenance of the peace of the country?"

the Government all men must recognize. The dangers that are encountered each day force themselves on public attention. The obligation of the President to preserve peace so long as peace may be preserved without loss of honor does not obscure the possibilities inherent in the interpertinent and searching question be framed for the consideration of every American than that which Mr. Willson posed for his auditors on the edge of the middle West?

Financing the Public Schools

President CHURCHILL of the Board of Education, in an address to the Men Principals Association, said on Saturday night that:

the Mayor the temptation to control policies of the Department of Education through appointment, and by removing from the Board of Estimate every vestige of power to control the amount of money raised for the schools or the purpose for which the money will be spent by the schools.

"This city is to be the scene of i struggle for the rescue of universal public education.

"It is good that the crisis has come for the sooner the fight the sooner th victory.

"Let us resolve that out of this in ufferable condition will issue the complete adoption of the fundamental proposition that boards of education are, and them as partially trained volunteers of a right ought to be, free and independent agencies for the schooling of the people."

Apparently Mr. CHURCHILL Would empower the Department of Education the War College Division may conto certify to the tax collector the gross sum which in its judgment was In his able presentation of the needed for the support of the schools States army for war General Wood from the pockets of the citizens to be dwelt with emphasis upon the need of spent without review by any other training officers. When the fact is body. But the authority to do this considered that while a line officer must come from the Legislature, and may be made competent in two years if it were granted, the same comor less a medical officer requires five plaints that are now made against the

Lady Gregory's Plan.

Lady GREGORY, who has done so ferent parts of the country last sum- much to develop the national drama reluctant to punish their friends for mer at their own expense, as described of her own country, once outlined a in the Medical Times of last August. | plan which she thought might with When on two recent occasions mo- profit be adopted in this country. She and to whom absence from their prac- built up in this country. The national York, would be occupied in presenting Now comes Mr. Hay, chairman of the most successful of these dramas.

ciency of the United States Army," by Of course so highly idealistic a form which fifteen hundred reserve medical of theatrical enterprise could have officers, holding commissions as first been suggested only by a literary lieutenants in the regular army, are to mind. The chances of public success be removed without rhyme or reason. for such a scheme seem slight. Pri-Mr. Hay did not consult the Surgeon- vate funds would have to be available

Secretary of the Navy, who side- But the fact that Lady GREGORY'S tracked the recommendations of the scheme has been in a measure adopted naval authorities, accepted Secretary by the so-called Little Theatre of this Garrison's word for the bill. Blind country shows that it possesses some to the lessons of the Spanish war, in dramatic vitality. Little theatres now which emergency political appointees exist in many cities of the country. A on the staff caused our army to be little theatre does not necessarily im-

political general would abolish two-| sents a state of mind. That state of thirds of the sadly scant medical ser- mind is as a rule associated with the

Recently two of these encouraging

First Line.

At a hearing by the Military Committee of the Senate Major-Staff, said, according to a report of the proceedings, that the continental army plan had been approved by the dential mind such stupid legislation Army War College. General Scott, we are inclined to think, could not have made the assertion without qualifying it. Mr. GARRISON'S proposal was of "a force of 400,000 men, raised in increments of 133,000 a year, obligated to devote a specified time to training for a period of three years, and then to be on furlough for a believe the hopes and ambitions of all period of three years without obligareasonable Americans are exactly set tion except to return to the colors in the event of war or the imminence thereof." The training period foreach of the three years of enlistment Mr. Garrison fixed at two months, admitting in effect, however, that the experts might want to increase it. They certainly would require a longer period if they were permitted to have the last word. Brigadier-General M. M. MACOMB

in the "Statement of a Proper Milltary Policy for the United States," prepared by order of Secretary GABRIson, said: "Twelve months inten- which make stubbornness attractive. sive training is the minimum that will prepare troops for war service." Secretary GARRISON proposed half of that time for the continental army and in instalments of two months a year for three years. This body the Secretary The heavy burden that is laid on would put into the first line of defence as a reenforcement of the increased regular army of 141,843, including auxiliaries. "We should have in this country," he said in his annual report, "a force of at least 500,000 men ready for instant response to a call in the event of war or the imminence of war." Mr. GARRISON had hazily in mind a regular army reserve made up of men who had served with the colors, but he does not seem to have included them in the first line of 500,000 troops ready for instant service in the field.

The "Statement" of the War College Division is very plain on the point of the first line of defence: "As the United States should have a mobile force of 500,000 soldiers available at home at the outbreak of war. the army, with the regular reserve, be prevented only by removing from should amount to this strength.

> trained mobile troops mentioned above. at least 500,000 more-a total of 1,000,-000 men-should be prepared to take the field immediately on the outbreak of war, and should have had sufficient previous military training to enable them to meet a trained enemy within three months. Twelve months intensive training is the minimum that will prepare

> Now it is evident that the War College Division does not consider Secrebe first line troops: in fact, it rates

vagrants. It has been shown that the great majority of those who enter the the opportunity that seemed to offer of roads' premises without authority are making a large fortune downtown. footbardy citizens who risk their lives for convenience or to save steps.

The enforcement of the law against gantly trespassing would end these tragedies, but that enforcement is difficult to obtain, because the offenders in most cases are arraigned in courts presided over by fellow townsmen who are reluctant to punish their friends for places you speak of don't seem to appeal lity Inmates Do Botch Work. obtain, because the offenders in most following what may be the common practice of the community. This lenity who to-day will blow in \$2 or \$3 on a exacts a toll of death annually that lunch and to-morrow will sneak arouses little thought simply because it is not brought dramatically to pub-

lic attention. Lately the railroads have endeav they have succeeded in producing a marked improvement in conditions. But the records of the Interstate Commerce Commission show how much remains to be done before even the My sympathies, in this here squeeze elementary rule of avoiding danger spots can compel obedience.

T. R. a movie star? And on a preparedness reel? The film that carries those pictures will demonstrate conquest of inflammability.

The peace pilgrimage cost Mr. Form week's income, in round numbers \$360,000. This sum expended upon our inadequate coast defences might have That you can do what pleases you been of some value in the near future.

All the New York theatres have decimated by preventable disease, this ply only a small building. It repre- which possess an attraction sufficiently

schedule. In spite of the struggles of the managers this was inevitable. It is a question of the market price Plays vary in value. The business of amusements is not like any other. It is difficult to standardize "Punch and Judy."

Herr ADOLF WERMUTH, Mayor of Berlin, has turned a phrase which it is hoped for the sake of quiet in the corn belt will not travel as far West as Nebraska. "Our country," said the Berlin Mayor, "does not talk of peace, does not yearn for peace, but fights for peace.

The Southern gentleman who sent lockjaw germs to his father-in-law, his divorced wife and her attorney, noculation to be effected by ingenious apparatus of spring and needle point, ity by using the parcel post to con vey his diabolical engines of revenge. the method is not so graceful as the Borgian devices of removal.

There was something for the Board of Education to think about in that parade of earnest pleaders against economical amputation in the night school courses, and especially in the banner calling for "phisical training." We haven't a doubt its humor was not only conscious but ingeniously intentional; a touch of art.

LAOYD GEORGE Says British stubbornness will win, and there is a well known trait in the German character ! friends would call persistence and others, perhaps, obstinacy. An irresistible attack is possibly a more satsfactory reliance than an impenetrable defence. Not knowing when you're whipped is a good way to win-wnen the ignorance is entirely honest. The Minister of Munitions develops a stronger vocabulary when he speaks of British determination, stanchness and resolution; the active qualities

in Prussia by the Taegliche Rundschau closes with this notice: "It is proposed to stop the sale of alcohol and candy to young people." Is candy for sweets a symptomatic characterisof wickedness? Perhaps if Dr. Cook had not eaten gum drops he would never have had a reputation.

Herr Doktor KARL LIEBKNECHT. supersocialist, read out of his party, approved by his Spandau stituents and urged to continued activ-

That clearing house for cases of mental deficiency should begin with builders. an experiment station in Albany.

IS HUGHES ELIMINATED? Another Inquiry As to the Result of

Brandels's Nomination. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT Apropos of Brandels, will Associate Jus-tice Hughes now decide to leave the bench and run for President?

Enlarge the Court.

had a talk the other day with a well to the original number. known caterer and I mentioned to him. Although Ninth aven "What is that?" he asked.
"The opening of lunch rooms where

one could get served lightly but ele-st gantly for a moderate price, say 50 or o "Nothing in it." he commented.

"How is that?"
"Well, Americans are peculiar,

MIDI.

NEW YORK, January 29.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The th ored to educate the public to the necessity of keeping off their right of way, and in some parts of this State they have succeeded in producing a transfer of Oxenstiern. G. F. K.

Uncle Sam to John Bull. Say, John, I'm willing to admit,

Are with you in a manner You stand for world democracy Against the autocratic.

From cellar floof to attic. Besides we're kin, that counts for The family ties are binding To some extent in sentimen

As surely you've been finding But, John. don't count toe much en And let the bold presumption Obfusticate your gumptie

What I would stand from you, Old Chap. Compared with some, is double

AN ARMY OF PEACE. Proposal to Employ an Adequate Force on Public Works.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Thi nation is for peace. This nation is for the peace of courage with the power to maintain international justice. This pation has never gloried in its regular army; all its military glory has been achieved under disadvantageous conditions by volunteer armies. Favorable economic conditions make our regular army the most expensive in existence excessive as it would seem in Germany or Great Britain, attracts only, as a rule, the least desirable of our citizens At the present rate it would be impossible to raise an army of 250,000 men

soldier as lucrative as that of the in-livities. I do not know now much returned as they are, are but indi-dustrial workers and as honorable and was paid for the navy and army re-productive. This, it seems to me, is cruiting offices, but I do know that vidual makeshifts and that universal practicable. Let this nation institute an army of peace, prepared for effective defence. Recruit the army and employ it on national undertakings profitable to fence. Recruit the army and employ it on national undertakings profitable to the nation. Let this army pay its

way. Employ it in scientific forest conservation and timber development, on irrigation work; on the rivers and in the harbors; in erecting barriers for the Mississippl: in improving waterways and in flood prevention, and in constructing all national and public buildings. Army officers have already distinguished themselves as engineers and architects. Indeed, their principal honor, in my opin-ion, arises from their work in such undertakings as the Panama Canal, the Congressional Library and harbor and

river improvements.

hundred thousand men on profitable works of national importance under the direction of our excellently well in structed West Palatas. this standing army of peace be regulated according to the full market value banks. of their services, graded according to own degree, for laborers and artisans, taking into consideration allowances for comfortable barracks and a commissary building. The value of the building site that would attract a skilled artisan. has doubled since the Government be Divide the working periods into, say, one-quarter military drill and three-Make the quarters for productive work. in civil life. Abolish the special mill-If we must have pensions, let all the citizens be eligible, but first put army men on the planes of remuneration that

stituents and urged to continued activity. Apparently in the complex of Prussian political forces a new organized element is developing. Liebknechtismus, fire back of the smoke. again to contribute a large sum to support an opera company. It must not be overlooked in estimating the profits of the foreign artists and conductors who come here every season. Certainly they approve highly of the public spirlt of the undismayed American citizens who continue to "put up" for them with such optimism.

That clearing house for cases of the type that sherman and Grant commanded in the West—an army of invincible artisans officered by skilled engineers of the type of Gentalmond and Dodge, the railroad furors these twelve men have to retire

rike out powerfully and courageously good for the officials in whom we trus yery aggressor and the sconer bring our lives and property.

If the rooms are badly lighted an about the time desired of this nation when war shall be abolished by internaonal agreement.

HENRY L. BULLEN NEWARK, N. J., January 29.

Serves the West Side.

OUR NEW ELEVATED.

Enlarge the Court.

To the Entropy of the Sign troops: In fact, it rates them as partially trained volunteers who must be worked over after war begins to make them fit to face the enemy's regular troops. If Mr. Gar allowed Samuel Geopper.

WONDERING WHALE.

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WONDERING WHALE.

New York, January 29.

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sylvania Depot, the upper West Side is the section that benefits most under the new system. All express trains now stop at Sixty-sixth street, a station not on the list of stops in other days.

This is a very popular stop.

W. Were His Birthday Congratulations a NEW YORK, January 29.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I To the Epiros of The St.N. St., am a master plumber in New York city, a very important and much abused craft. I submitted an application to the municipal bureau of labor, and after a fair. There is no accounting for tastes, the state of th craft. I submitted an application to the municipal bureau of labor, and after a lapse of six years I got an examination and ran well ahead of my ticket, was apointed by said civil service under the Department of Public Charities ("permanently employed," the paper read). I was suspended for an indefinite period, two weeks or so, pending a transfer of moneys from a contract fund concealed somewhere in a budget. It could not be located, although this the continued existence of the creature. it could not be located, although this the continued existence of the creature budget to the above department was proportionately larger than usual.

After a lapse of years and trials with contract work a bureau of meion of the Commissioner of Charities nd the Civil Service Commission prevailing rate of wages was paid as n the union scale.

skilled men have been discharged by this department without as much consideration, all done through the ecommendation of efficiency standardization and economy; a very plausible Harris excuse to do away with a small working bride: force which every establishment must carry, while inmate help is doing botch work, and the civil service men who contribute to their support walk the streets. All efforts through interviews with our highest officials have been un-BROOKLYN, January 29.

THE RENTED COURT HOUSE. Distressing Picture of a Texas Tem-

ple of Justice. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In

when coats were uncomfortable.

The room is for a reference library, with the United States statutes and United States court reports. An adjoining room is for consultation between Judge and counsel. When several interpretations and properly presented as a property of the states and properly presented as the states and properly presented as the states are involved at least five lawyers. ing room is for consultation between all important element in the question of purpose and counsel. When several inter- preparedness, and properly presented ests are involved, at least five lawyers would do much to disarm its well inten-

interest on \$60,000 at 2 per cent, this being the rate given by postal savings s. Allowing your correspondent's valuation, the taxpayers have to pay an additional 2 per cent, for the additional facilities secured in the new

came owner district, including many miles of terriconditions such that men of all degrees tory, can now be housed under one roof.

of skill would be attracted. Pay offiThe heating, lighting and ventilating are cers, who would be trained as engineers, now under Government control, and not as much as engineers of the same grade at the whim of some careless landlord. I attended a session of the United States court in the old rented quarters, which were supplied with natural gas for The stove pipe extended about forty feet across the cell-ing and had fallen down near the stove

on the producers and release from the present inequitable pension system. On The Ballet Russe now passes on its expurgated way, although we tremble for its fate in Boston. But what would have happened to the organization had Najinski accompanied the other dancers here?

Generous citizens of Chicago are again to contribute a large sum to support an opera company. It must be supported to the store at must be supported to the store at must be done of the attendants of the rented building, if the other nation depends of the rented building, of the rented bu

skilled engineers of the type of General McCallum and Dodge, the railroad builders.

After the cases are submitted to the jurors these twelve men have to retire into an attic room, dark and often at a why follow in the path of admitted evil and economic waste? Let America strike out powerfully and courageously in a new path which will give pages.

> eated and unsanitary we cannot expect ally trace such actions to a desire to get away from dark and unsanitary sur-

Every jury room should have a

Although Ninth avenue expresses now afford a flag pole or proper facilities, and all the best influences are lost, sylvania Depot, the upper West Steams

All express trains now MR. WILSON TO THE KAISER.

Purely Personal Expression?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! I President sent to Berlin a message congratulating Emperor William upon his lity-seventh birthday. It is a pity that Ity Inmates Do Botch Work. the text of that message is not made

If President Wilson worded the mes-

NEW YORK, January 29.

The Sweets of Immortal Fame. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Surel

the roster of the Immortals will be main tained without forced conscription, though The Sun has not registered any new reruits lately. Why not enroll Engineer Christmas Candy of Tyrone, Pa., at once rather than wait for December 25 next He recently got his marriage license at Harrisburg, so here's to him and his bride! HENRY S. BLAKE.

CHRISTMAS CANDY MARRIES Among those who obtained marriage it-

risburg. Pa. was Christmas Candy with our highest officials have been unrisburg. Pa. was Christmas Candy. 23
availing. While the Appellate Court
says cause must be shown for dismissal,
we are at law when we ought to be
friends.

D. C. CARROLL.

Martin Heywood left his mother in
Hopswell and set out for Sparta to visit
spon at the tenth annual nospirits arm was broken, but he continued his journey, obtained the medicine
Mrs. James Speyer, 1058 F parents gave him the odd name for that reason.

REAL PREPAREDNESS.

What the Conservation of Good Health Means.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: You the article on the public buildings bill editorial article inspired by General in The Sun of January 26 in some cases Rupert Blue's address before the only half of the truth has been told. Southern Medical Association on "Sani-The new court house at Texarkana, Tex., tary Preparedness' is well timed, but has no robing room for the Judge. I will require a lot of concrete reenforce-have been in the room referred to by ment to awaken the 'average Ameriyour correspondent, and I know the can" to the urgency of the question. It Judge, having walked with him along is not enough, in a democracy, that the streets of Texas in shirt sleeves scientist should solve the problems. The

sible to raise an army of 250,000 men, chiefly because we, happily, have not that number of men who, for inferior wages, would be willing to waste their time in a life unproductive and comparatively idle.

If we would have a regular army of a quarter or half a million men this nation must make the occupation of the soldier as lucrative as that of the intuities. I do not know how much rent wages and as honorable and was paid for the navy and army religious as they are, are but indi-

his deputies, witnesses, jurors, &c.

No room was set apart for a library for the Federal court. The result was that the books and reports usually sent of medical attendance would, besides savsary resultant loss of the earnings of out from Washington were retained at ing the misery of it all, do more than Washington for the reason that no room pay the cost of any army and navy re-

washington for the reason that no room was available in the rented quarters to receive the law books.

The building was the best one available, although the walls were cracked and the plaster had fallen from the ceiling in large patches, exposing the wood lath. The building was noisy. No Commissioner or Judge could give undi-vided attention to a case, because of the ciency for the highest preparedness.

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GERMANY'S BIG GUNS. The 17 Inch One Too Large for Battleship, Says an Expert.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. have read with much amusement what Mr. Thomas R. Macmechan had to say in the interview published in THE SUN of January 25 regarding the alleged properly held the machine for properly held the mails under his friends. arming of German battleships with 17 age, which the Senator refused to pa

good reason to know. Mr. Macmechan is probably not aware that up to 1907 the British garrison artillery had four 17.5 inch guns in its equipment of the land to be sold at \$2.25 an acre to muzzle loading type. But even in an for the building of the road. The road age of muzzle loaders these guns were was built, but the land was not sold for age of muzzle loaders these guns were was built, but the land was not not that purpose and later passed into the purpose and later passed into the much room and were very clumsy to hands of the Southern Pacific lights and became very valuable because ing and had fallen down near the stove ing and the charge of cordite necessary to throw the projectile a distance of ten miles would weigh of selling it to the public at acre could be followed. The State so that the original properties and jurges who were too busy to notice tile a distance of ten miles would have a measurement from breech to muzzle of at least thirty feet, and in rear of the ing on the Attorney-General to gun emplacement there would have to gun emplacement there would have to acre could be followed. be set a hydraulic or electric rammer owing to the weight of the charge.

All this would take up a great deal of valuable space, and the ammunition is also too bulky for a battleship's capacity. But the chief feature against he adoption of this large calibre gur fe. All artiller-trouble called windage. which results from the harge in rear of the shell escapes over its base and so causes the shell fall short. To correct this a band soft copper is fitted round the body This is called an "augmenting strin

without having to be relined.

The average life of a 17 inch breed loader would be between 300 and 400 rounds, after which its grooves would e completely worn out. members that a battleship will fire disadvantages of such a large weapon are very easily understood. I happen to have been an officer in the English of which time I was a gunnery man, and I do say that a 17 inch gun mounted on present day types of battleships would be a greater hindrance to those on board than a means of offence. The present day battleship has

he can do comfortably to acco eracity regarding the source of his in formation, I do say this: The day whe Germany sends out a fleet armed wit inch guns to give battle to the Brit sh navy she will get a thrashing. Rurus J. Rugi

MOUNT SINAL, January 29. ORBS OF NIGHT.

Venus Is More Conspicuous, Though Smaller, Than Jupiter.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT bright and beautiful sky mirrors of King Sol the planets Venus and Jupiter now sof the planers Venus and Jupiter now adorn the darkening firmannent at sunset. Venus sets about 7:30 P. M. and Jupiter about 9:15 P. M. As time goes on Venus will set later and Jupiter earlier. Although to our eyes Venus appears more conspicuous then Jupiter, who is much infector in size to him. Keep she is much inferior in size to him. For the sake of comparison, Venus is about nine-tenths as large as our earth, while upiter is 1,309 times as large Venus is very much nearer to us than is lupiter, the former being at times as mear as 26,000,000 miles and the latter 000,000 miles. Owing therefore he far greater remoteness of Jupiter Venus, being in addition a very bright planet, always appears in her most prilliant state more conspicuous than Nevertheless, giant Jupiter were ie shining alone at the present time would be very noticeable. It is 4ndeed worth our while and ef-fort to go out of doors shortly after sunset and study these two bright plan

ets amid the western section of the darkened firmament. If possible we should climb to some elevation above the surrounding roofs and chimneys, where we may observe and admire both planets without difficulty. How bright and remarkable they appear against the evening firmament, with the less con-spicuous suns of night sparkling and scintillating at enormous remoteness be hind them! Truly, they are like brillian and beautiful mirrors of King Sol, slow! following him toward the western ho zon, where they set. Venus some ours later and Jupiter about four and a half hours later

CHARLES NEVERS HOLMES. NEWTON, Mass., January 29.

Oklahoma Missionary Note. From the Ponca Courier

We are pleased to note that the daugh or of our old friends, Ed Korns and wife f Newkirk, is home from Bornes, or some such heathen country as that, where she has been serving as a missionary for toward paying the inter the last five years. We have always feit tion charges on the er that sending a girl as missionary to the that the Schoharie project so-called heathen was a mighty poor use through now so an efficier to make of her, particularly a bright, and administrative organization of the disrupted. The Sob hoped that she is home now to stay and will be a matter of far six cheer the declining years of her good says the City Club t mother and old dad, which is a pretty Binkerd, its secretary

Like a Real Spartan. From the Susquehanna Transcript

Martin Heywood left his mother in Hopewell and set out for Sparta to visit in Sparts and took it back to his mother.

TILLMAN MALICIOUS IS MEYER'S RETORT

Former Cabinet Member Says Senator Smarts After Exposure.

SEES BLOW IN REPRISAL

naster-General in the Cabinet of Prodent Roosevelt and Secretary of Navy under President Toft etras vesterday at Senator Tillman of Senate Naval Committee for his soon on Friday, in the course of which Senator made a comparison of Second Daniels and Secretary Meyer.

The former Secretary of the said that to any one familiar with history of events at Washington du the last ten years it would be es that the Senator's remarks were spired by personal animosity and not any hope of clearing up the term preparedness. He was convinced to the Senator was striking at him because of certain of his activities as Post master-General which put

Recalls Franking Exposure

"This attack," said the former Secratary, "is not difficult to understand when one appreciates that Senator one appreciates that Senator Hilman has a great deal of feeling against me because, during my service as Post-master-General in the Cabinet of Prestdent Roosevelt, the postal authorities brought out the fact that the Senator was abusing his franking privilege. "In the first place it will be remem-bered that Senator Tillman sent a type writer through the mails under his frank By some accident the box containing :

That is one of the things.
"Then again there was the matter State of Oregon gave for the constr of the timber on it and a m State so that the original protroduced a resolution in the Senate ca ing on the Attorney-General to take such legal action as was necessary to bring

Another Tangle About Land "While this was going on two atter

idea of taking a man's money for a certain amount of this land at \$2.25 an acre and making a tender to the rai-way company. If the tender was refused the attorneys made a re it so that in the event the land ert to the State the tender would "Senator Tillman made appl a considerable amount of t When he was forced to explain

duct on the floor of the Senate led that he had made such an e ion we secured photographs and telegrams sent by him ranking privilege to refute hident Roosevelt sent the who o the Senate. For several ye hat the Senator had little to successful explanation was eve "As for his statement that that that is true. The reas ments fell off was because of erally prosperous conditions

rmy or navy

Explains Recruiting Problem. "The supply of recruits depends upon ne demand for labor in other fields then the Democratic taruf went into peration and business began to grow cannot get work at good wages to number of applications for the navy al-ways multiplies.

"This difficulty is fundamental and

will continue as long as the United States Government has to bid against the industries of the country for men o enter the army and the nav; ace this fundamental fact, as why the Wilson, Daniels and Taplan for preparedness is no plan merely an arrangement of words

young men. CITY'S CHARITIES FILL BOOK New Directory Shows Wide Pield

'Adequate preparedness must res

of Philanthrops There are now 3.000 civic institutions and ass New York, according to the New York, according to that the Directory for 15 just been issued by the ganization Society. The ch stitutions of the city are of 1,252 separate organizations levoted to every kind of are 1.449 churches in New ng to the directory.

The purpose of the New ies Directory is to facublished, in 1883, there

mly 803 churches. SCHOHARIE PLAN INDORSED

porate Stock Gran

The City Club has set Mayor Mitchel urging tha \$22,000,000 of corporate development of the School ontinued the money say

Girls to Hear Lady Abender Lady Aberdeen will speak organizing at There will be moving picture